

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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REMARKS

Claims 15-26 are canceled and claims 46-57 are added. Claims 27-57 are now pending in this application.

Election/Restriction Response

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 23, 2004, Applicants elect, without traverse, Species IV which includes claims 27-45. Applicants respectfully cancel remaining claims 15-26 (Species I, Species II, and Species III) without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce the non-elected claims in a divisional application at a later date.

Furthermore, Applicant submits that claim 27 is generic in that all claims, including those related to the non-elected species (claims 15-26), include forming at least a portion of an electrical device. It should be noted that upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce the claims to the non-elected species upon an indication of allowance of one of the generic claims.

By this response, Applicants have added new claims 46-57. No new matter has been added. The new claims read on the elected species IV. Please enter the new claims of this amendment prior to examining this patent application

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney ((612) 373-6977) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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